

In the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract in its entirety with the following rewritten abstract:

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AD -- An information storage apparatus includes a mark reading section for reading a mark written on an information storage medium. A recording state changing section is provided for changing a recording state in an adjacent region situated next to a region from which the mark reading section fails to read a mark, so as to reduce cross talk caused by the adjacent region. The mark reading section reads the mark in the failed region again after the recording state changing section changes the recording state in the adjacent region. --

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